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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS R.) LE
SUBJ: SEC VISIT TO BEIRUT, AUGUST 3 - SCENARIO

REF: (A) STATE 173565, (B) STATE 174862

1. SUMMARY. DESPITE LATENESS OF HOUR OF ARRIVAL IN BEIRUT, GOL PREFERS, AND EMBASSY CONSURS, TO FOLLOW SAME BASIC ORDER FOR PRINCIPAL EVENTS AS ON FEBRUARY VISIT, I.E. TO HAVE SUBSTANTIVE MEETINGS BEFORE RATHER THAN AFTER LUNCH: PARTY TO PROCEED DIRECTLY FROM AIRPORT TO BAABDA PRESIDENTIAL PALACE (MRS. VANCE AND STAFF SUPPORT GROUP TO BREAK OFF AND PROCEED DIRECTLY TO AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE AT YARZE, AND RETURN DIRECTLY TO AIRPORT PRIOR TO RETURN OF OFFICIAL PARTY); PLENARY MEETING OF FULL U.S. OFFICIAL PARTY WITH COMPARABLE GOL DELEGATION; SMALL MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SARKIS; LUNCH FOR OFFICIAL PARTY HOSTED BY PRESIDENT; BRIEF MEETING OF SECRETARY WITH PRESS; RETURN TO AIRPORT AND DEPARTURE. TRAVELING PRESS TO ACCOMPANY SECRETARY'S PARTY TO BAABDA TO WITNESS OPENING OF PLENARY SESSION, THEN PROCEED TO AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE WHERE TELEX FACILITIES AVAILABLE AND TO MEET LOCAL COUNTERPARTS, RETURN TO PALACE FOR SECRETARY'S STATEMENT AFTER LUNCH AND TO FOLLOW OFFICIAL PARTY TO AIRPORT. END SUMMARY.

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2. EVENT 1: ARRIVAL BEIRUT.

1245-1300 - 86972 LANDS AT BEIRUT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND TAXIS TO SPOT IN FRONT OF MEA ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING-HANGAR COMPLEX

1305 - SECRETARY AND OFFICIAL PARTY DISEMBARK FROM FORWARD RAMP AND ARE MET AT FOOT OF RAMP BY GOL FOREIGN MINISTER FUAD BOUTROS, MRS. BOUTROS, AMBASSADOR PARKER, MRS. PARKER, CHIEF OF PROTOCOL AMBASSADOR ABBAS HAMIEH, DCM GEORGE LANE, AND POLITICAL OFFICER PAUL MOLINEAUX (WHO WILL DIRECT PARTY MEMBERS TO VEHICLES). (PHOTO OPPORTUNITY. LOCAL PRESS WILL BE IN ENCLOSED PRESS PEN).

1310 - SECRETARY VANCE IS ACCOMPANIED BY FOREIGN MINISTER BOUTROS AND AMBASSADOR PARKER TO VEHICLE NUMBER (2) FOR IMMEDIATE DEPARTURE FOR BAABDA. MRS. VANCE IS ACCOMPANIED BY MRS. BOUTROS AND MRS. PARKER TO VEHICLE NUMBER (10) FOR IMMEDIATE DEPARTURE.

STAFF/PRESS NOTE: STAFF AND TRAVELING PRESS DISEMBARK FROM REAR RAMP AND PROCEED DIRECTLY TO STAFF CARS AND PRESS BUS. EMBASSY OFFICERS AND GOL PROTOCOL OFFICERS ASSIST.

1315 - MOTORCADE DEPARTS AIRPORT FOR BAABDA PALACE. TRAVEL TIME FIFTEEN MINUTES. PRESS STATEMENT: WE DO NOT RECOMMEND ARRIVAL STATEMENT; IF FURNISHED BY DEPARTMENT, HOWEVER, IT WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE LOCAL PRESS. THERE WILL BE NO REPEAT NO MEETING WITH THE PRESS.

3. EVENT 3: MOTORCADE TO BAABDA PALACE.

LIST OF VEHICLES AS FOLLOWS (ONLY VEHICLES OF DIRECT CONCERN TO PARTY WILL BE NUMBERED - "#" INDICATES UNNUMBERED);
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ROUTE VEHICLE : ARAB SECURITY FORCE VEHICLE PRECEDES CONVOY BY THREE-FIVE MINUTES.

PILOT VEHICLE: LEBANESE INTERNAL SECURITY FORCE LANDROVER.

GOL PROTOCOL LIMO NUMBER 1: AMBASSADOR HAMIEH, DCM LANE, POLOFF MLINEAUX

1) EMBASSY LEAD CAR: RSO O'BRIEN/EMBASSY SECURITY.

2) PRINCIPALS' CAR: SECRETARY VANCE/FONMIN BOUTROS/AMB PARKER/SY AGENT/SY DRIVER.

LEBANESE INTERNAL SECURITY FOLLOW CAR: ISF PERSONNEL.

SECOND LEBANESE INTERNAL FOLLOW CAR: ISF PERSONNEL.

3) EMBASSY FOLLOW CAR NUMBER 1: SY AGENT AND DRIVER OFF SECRETARY'S PLANE.

4) OFFICIAL PARTY VEHICLE A: MR. HABIB/MR. ATHERTON/EMBASSY BODY-

GUARD BOUTARI/EMBASSY DRIVER ABOU FARAJ.

5) OFFICIAL PARTY CAR B: MR. SAUNDERS/MR. CARTER/EMBASSY DRIVER
TANNIR.

6) OFFICIAL PARTY CAR C: MR. DAY/MR. QUANDT/EMBASSY DRIVER
MARROUCHE.

7) OFFICIAL PARTY CAR D: DR. MOEDE/MR. SPEIGLER/MR. TWADDELL/
EMBASSY DRIVER SAAD.

8) PRESS BUS: APPROXIMATELY 17 TRAVELING PRESS MEMBERS/EMBASSY
PAO MALIK/EMBASSY PHOTOGRAPHER AND SOUNDMAN/GOL PROTOCOL OFFICER
AWAD.
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9) EMBASSY FOLLOW CAR NUMBER 2: EMBASSY SY AGENT MARSHALL/TWO
EMBASSY BODYGUARDS/EMBASSY DRIVER BATHIARD.

10) STAFF CAR A: MRS. VANCE/MRS. PARKER/MRS. BOUTROS/SY AGENT/
EMBASSY DRIVER KARAM.

11) STAFF CAR B: MS. SHEA/MS. MORGAN/MS. KAMER/EMBASSY DRIVER
HATTAB.

12) STAFF CAR C: MR. EATON/MR. OWENS/EMBASSY DRIVER SEMAAN.

GOL PROTOCOL VEHICLE NUMBER 2: GOL PROTOCOL OFFICERS KASSOUF/
BITAR/GOL DRIVER.

LEBANESE INTERNAL SECURITY FORCE FOLLOW CAR: ISF PERSONNEL.

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BRM ALL VEHICLES UP TO AND INCLUDING PRESS BUS (VEHICLE 8)
GO TO BAABDA PALACE; ALL VEHICLES THEREAFTER GO TO
AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE AT YARZE. NOTE: SECRETARY'S
VEHICLE, ALL OFFICIAL PARTY VEHICLES, AND MRS. VANCE'S
VEHICLE ARE ARMORED.

1330 - SECRETARY'S MOTORCADE ARRIVES AT BAABDA PALACE
(PHOTO OPPORTUNITY).

1330 - MRS. VANCE AND SUPPORT STAFF ARRIVE AT YARZE RESIDENCE.

5. EVENT 3: MEETINGS AND LUNCH AT BAABDA PALACE.

1330 - ON ARRIVAL AT BAABDA PALACE, SECRETARY AND OFFICIAL PARTY
ARE MET BY CHIEF OF PROTOCOL OF FOREIGN MINISTRY AMBASSADOR ABBAS
HAMIEH, AND CHIEF OF PRESIDENTIAL PROTOCOL AMBASSADOR KHALIL
HADDAD, WHO WILL ESCORT THEM DIRECTLY TO COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
CONFERENCE ROOM FOR PLENARY SESSION. (LOCAL AND TRAVELING PRESS
WILL BE ALLOWED IN FOR TWO MINUTES FOR PHOTO OPPORTUNITY).

1335 - PLENARY SESSION. PARTICIPANTS:
U.S.: ENTIRE OFFICIAL PARTY, AMBASSADOR PARKER, DCM LANE, POLOFF
MOLINEAUX (EMBASSY NOTETAKER).
GOL: PRIMIN HOSS, FONMIN BOUTROS, SEC GEN OF FOREIGN MINISTRY
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NAJIB DAHDAH, DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH AMBASSADOR ANTOINE FATTAL,
DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS ADEL ISMAIL, AMBASSADOR KHALIL
ITANI, AND CHIEF OF PROTOCOL AMBASSADOR ABBAS HAMIEH.

1415 - MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SARKIS. FONMIN BOUTROS, SECRETARY
VANCE AND AMBASSADOR PARKER WITHDRAW FROM PLENARY MEETING (WHICH
CONTINUES) AND PROCEED TO MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SARKIS. (PHOTO
OPPORTUNITY WHEN SHAKING HANDS). THERE WILL BE NO OTHER PARTI-
CIPANTS. AMBASSADOR PARKER WILL INTERPRET AS NECESSARY.

1500 - LUNCHEON: BOTH GROUPS JOIN FOR LUNCH AS GUESTS OF THE
PRESIDENT. LUNCHEON GUESTS:
U.S.: ENTIRE OFFICIAL PARTY AND AMBASSADOR PARKER.
GOL: PRESIDENT SARKIS, PRIMIN HOSS, FONMIN BOUTROS, AMBASSADOR
HADDAD, AMBASSADOR HAMIEH. PRESIDENT SARKIS WILL PROBABLY OFFER
TOAST AND IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR SECRETARY TO RESPOND
(PROPOSED TEXT SEPTEL, AUG. 1 OR 2, WHEN WE MAY HAVE TEXT OF

PRESIDENT'S TOAST.)

1615 - LUNCH ENDS. SECRETARY AND PARTY TAKE LEAVE OF PRESIDENT IMMEDIATELY.

1620 - SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH PRESS. SECRETARY AND OFFICIAL PARTY PROCEED TO SALON D'HONNEUR FOR STATEMENT BY SECRETARY TO ASSEMBLED PRESS. NOTE: DEPARTURE STATEMENT (IF PROVIDED BY DEPARTMENT) WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO PRESS FOLLOWING DEPARTURE. GOL HOPES SECRETARY WILL BE PREPARED TO ANSWER A FEW QUESTIONS, BUT WILL BE GUIDED BY SECRETARY'S DESIRES.

1630 - SECRETARY'S MOTORCADE DEPARTS BAABDA FOR AIRPORT. TRAVEL TIME: FIFTEEN MINUTES. MOTORCADE ORGANIZATION SAME AS ON ARRIVAL, EXCEPT THAT MRS. VANCE AND SUPPORT STAFF WILL HAVE RETURNED SEPARATELY TO AIRPORT.
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6. EVENT 3-B: MRS. VANCE, SUPPORT STAFF, AND TRAVELING PRESS AT YARZE.

1330 - ARRIVAL AT YARZE. THE POOL WILL BE FUNCTIONING. TELEX AND TELEPHONES WILL BE AVAILABLE TO TRAVELING PRESS. LOCAL COUNTERPARTS WILL BE INVITED.

1335 - DRINKS SERVED.

1340 - MRS. VANCE, MRS. BOUTROS AND MRS. PARKER DEPART RESIDENCE TO GO TO NEIGHBOR'S RESIDENCE FOR SMALL, INFORMAL LUNCH; RETURN TO YARZE BY 1600 TO JOIN CONVOY FOR AIRPORT.

1400 - SUPPORT STAFF AND TRAVELING PRESS: LEBANESE STYLE BUFFET LUNCH.

1600 - MRS. VANCE AND SUPPORT STAFF DEPART RESIDENCE FOR AIRPORT. MOTORCADE SAME AS ON ARRIVAL (VEHICLES 9-12, PARAGRAPH 3 ABOVE).

1600 - TRAVELING PRESS BUS DEPARTS RESIDENCE FOR BAABDA PALACE FOR SECRETARY'S DEPARTURE STATEMENT.

7. EVENT 4: DEPARTURE FROM BAABDA PALACE FOR AIRPORT.

1630 - SECRETARY'S MOTORCADE DEPARTS BAABDA PALACE FOR AIRPORT. MOTORCADE IS SAME AS ON ARRIVAL, LESS MRS. VANCE AND SUPPORT STAFF.

1645 - MOTORCADE ARRIVES AIRPORT. SECRETARY AND PARTY DISEMBARK FROM MOTORCADE, SAY GOOD-BYE TO LEBANESE HOSTS AND BOARD AIR-

CRAFT.

1700 - WHEELS UP.

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8. WE WILL FURNISH LATER SEPTTEL ON PRESS SCENARIO FOR USE BY SPOKESMAN IN BRIEFING TRAVELING PRESS JUST PRIOR TO ARRIVAL IN BEIRUT.

9. DETAILS RE LUNCH FOR MRS. VANCE BEING HANDLED BY SEPTELS.

10. ACTION REQUESTED:

(A) PLEASE CONFIRM OUR ASSUMPTION THAT STAFF MEMBERS SPEIGLER AND TWADDELL SHOULD ACCOMPANY OFFICIAL PARTY TO PALACE RATHER THAN PROCEED DIRECTLY TO YARZE RESIDENCE (PARA 3 ABOVE - MOTORCADE).

(B) DOES DEPARTMENT ENVISION DEPARTURE STATEMENT (PARA 5)?

(C) ADVISE WHETHER SECRETARY WISHES ANSWER QUESTIONS AT MEETING WITH PRESS (PARA 5). LEBANESE WOULD LIKE, BUT WE ARE NOT ENTHUSIASTIC. LOCAL PRESS LIKELY TO ASK QUESTIONS THAT ARE PAROCHIAL AND IRRELEVANT TO OVERALL MISSION.
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